

## Announcement of 2007 Annual Meeting

The Eighty-seventh Annual Meeting of The American Association for Thoracic Surgery will be held May 5-9, 2007, in Washington, D.C., at the Washington Convention Center. The meeting of the Association is open to all physicians. House Officers and Fellows will be admitted without payment of a registration fee upon presentation of a letter from their Chief of Service either during preregistration or at the time of registration. Nonmember physicians are required to pay a \$250 preregistration fee up to March 24, 2007. After that date a registration fee of \$350 will be required. Members, nonmember physicians, and invited speakers will have the privilege of discussing papers.

## Requests for Preregistration Forms and Hotel Reservations

Information on the 2007 Annual Meeting, including registration, hotel accommodations, and the social program, will be available in December 2006. Requests should be forwarded directly to:

American Association for Thoracic Surgery  
900 Cummings Center  
Suite 221-U  
Beverly, MA 01915  
978-927-8330; fax: 978-524-8890  
e-mail: [aats@prii.com](mailto:aats@prii.com)

Registration and hotel information will be available on our Web site at [www.aats.org](http://www.aats.org).

## Call for Abstracts

Authors submitting abstracts for the 2007 Annual Meeting must use electronic submission. Abstracts submitted electronically for consideration for presentation at the 2007 meeting must be received on or before **October 10, 2006**. Abstracts received after the deadline will not be considered by the Program Committee. The work must not have been presented or reported elsewhere.

## Electronic Submission

Deadline for submission is **October 10, 2006**. Please submit your abstract via the World Wide Web. All abstract submissions must be in the structured format as required by *The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*. The structured abstract is to contain the following major headings: *Objective(s)*, *Methods*, *Results*, and *Conclusions*, and it should clearly reflect the content of the completed paper. No reference should be made on the abstract to the names or institutions of the authors.

Receipt of each abstract will be acknowledged by e-mail. Notification of the decision of the Program Committee will be distributed by the end of December 2006.

Essayists selected for the program are reminded that papers presented at the meeting are to be submitted for consideration for publication to *The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery* and must be submitted to the JTCVS via the Internet prior to the Annual Meeting. Papers that are selected by the AATS Program Committee may not be presented or published elsewhere prior to the Annual Meeting in 2007.

## C. Walton Lillehei Resident Forum

The C. Walton Lillehei Resident Forum will be held on Sunday, May 6, 2007. Made possible through an educational grant from St Jude Medical, the Forum will consist of the presentation of original work by residents in thoracic surgical training programs around the world. Abstracts submitted for the award should follow the guidelines of abstract submission for electronic submission noted above. The abstracts submitted for consideration for this Forum will be evaluated by the Program Committee and eight will be selected for presentation during the forum. Each of the selected authors will receive round-trip travel and accommodations for the duration of the AATS annual meeting. Additionally, one presentation will be selected by the Program Committee to receive the AATS C. Walton Lillehei Residents' Award, a \$5000 prize. Thoracic Surgery Program Directors are urged to have their residents participate in this Forum.

**Abstract Deadline—Abstracts received after the deadline will not be considered**

**Electronic Submission Only: October 10, 2006**

## Applications for Membership

Applications for membership in the Association are available online at [www.aats.org](http://www.aats.org) no later than November 2006. Applications received after that date are deferred automatically for consideration until the 2008 meeting.

## Evarts A. Graham Memorial Traveling Fellowship, 2007-2008

The Evarts A. Graham Memorial Traveling Fellowship was established in 1951 by The American Association for Thoracic Surgery. Administered through the Graham Education and Research Foundation, Fellowship grants support study by young cardiothoracic surgeons from outside North America at sites of their choice within North America and include travel between sites. Goals of the program are to broaden overall training and increase international contacts. Each Fellow should plan to have one primary center for his/her activities where he/she should spend six to nine months. The Fellow should have identified an individual at that center who will act as his/her sponsor and assist in planning the course of study at the host institution and at other institutions. In addition to the primary center, the Fellow is encouraged to plan to spend shorter periods of time at other secondary centers to enhance the Fellowship experience.

Awards are made to surgeons of unique promise who have been regarded as having the potential for later international thoracic surgical leadership. Since the inception of the Graham Fellowship, 54 young surgeons from 27 countries have been named for the Fellowship.

The Fellowship provides a stipend of \$75,000, a major portion of which is intended for travel expenses incurred when visiting other medical centers. The Fellowship also provides two round-trip coach air fares from the recipient's country to his/her primary center. The dates of the beginning and ending of the Fellowship year should be scheduled to coincide with the Annual Meetings of The American Association for Thoracic Surgery. The Fellow will be introduced at the May 2007 meeting, which will take place at the Washington DC Convention Center in Washington, DC, May 5-9. The Fellow will be expected to provide a written summary of his/her year's experience to the membership prior to its 2008